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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The Non Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2006 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Please amend the application and reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for extension of time accompanies this response.